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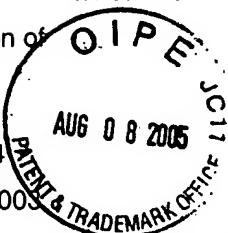
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In re Patent Application of

BALDASSARRE et al.

Serial No. 10/691,554

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Title: AXIAL THRUST BALANCING SYSTEM FOR A CENTRIFUGAL COMPRESSOR,  
HAVING IMPROVED SAFETY CHARACTERISTICS

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Date: August 8, 2005

Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER**

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

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			\$0.00 (1202)/\$0.00 (2202) \$

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Applicant claims "small entity" status.  Statement filed herewith

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July 29, 2005

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**AMENDMENT**

Responsive to the Office Action dated June 8, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 2.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 8.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9.